

## 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Dixie Resource Advisory Committee

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

### 2. Fiscal Year

2018

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Dixie Resource Advisory Committee

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

73538

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

06/21/2016

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

06/21/2018

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

Not Applicable

### 8c. Actual Term Date

Not Applicable

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

### 11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

The SRS and Community Self-Determination Act as reauthorized in PL 110-343 and PL 112-141.

### 13. Effective Date

10/03/2008

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee Other Committee

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

### 17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$16,800.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$500.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$17,300.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The purpose of the Secure Rural School and Community Self-Determination Act Resource Advisory Committee is to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service consistent with Division C, Title VI of Public Law 110-343. The Act describes the duties of the committees as follows: to review projects proposed by counties and other interested parties; to recommend projects and funding; to provide early and continuous coordination with Forest Service officials; to provide frequent opportunities for citizens, organizations, tribes, land management agencies and other interested parties to participate openly and meaningfully, beginning in the early stages of project development; to monitor projects approved under the Act; to advise the designated federal official on the progress of monitoring; and to make recommendations for any appropriate changes or adjustments to projects being monitored.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The committee is comprised of 15 members, five in each of three categories prescribed in the Act. Within each category, the Act identifies specific interests members are to represent. Committees are formed in geographic areas to ensure each national forest located within a participating county or counties has access to a resource advisory committee. The Act requires members to be residents of the state or states within which the committee has jurisdiction.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The committee generally will meet 1-4 times per year as needed to perform its duties, or as often as needed.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The RAC is necessary to improve collaborative relationships among the people that use and care for the National Forests and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

All meetings are open to the public.

**21. Remarks**

The RAC had no activity/meetings reported for FY2018 as all recommendations and funding was approved in previous Fiscal Years (FY).

## Designated Federal Officer

Joseph Rechsteiner District Ranger

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Kennedy, James	05/04/2016	05/04/2020	Retired - Professor	Representative Member
Kershaw, Byard	05/04/2016	05/04/2020	North Rim Consulting, LLC	Representative Member
Smith, Anne	05/04/2016	05/04/2020	Professor	Representative Member
Thiriot, Bryan	05/04/2016	05/04/2020	Recreationalist	Representative Member
Vasquez, Alberto	05/04/2016	05/04/2020	Recreationalist	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 5**

## Narrative Description

By recommending projects that maintain and improve the health of national forest ecosystems and improve cooperative relationships among the people who use and care for the national forests, the Secure Rural Schools resource advisory committees support the Forest Service mission to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The committees specifically support Forest Service National Priorities to 1. Promote shared stewardship by increasing partnerships and volunteerism; 2. Improve conditions of forests and grasslands; and 3. Enhance recreation opportunities, improving access, and sustaining infrastructure.

## What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Outcome Comments

Not applicable.

## What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Cost Savings Comments**

Not applicable.

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

44

### **Number of Recommendations Comments**

No recommendations for FY2018

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

91%

### **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

All recommendations have been completed from FY15 and prior - or 30 projects. Of the 14 recommendations from FY16 RAC meeting, 11 have been completed. Of the 11 completed, 1 proposed project was no longer viable due to major stream erosion due to water run-off from the Brian Head Fire Scar. This project was the Parowan City Trails Bridge. As the Dixie Resource Advisory Committee did not have full voting quorum, the Forest contacted Parowan City as the partner on this project and proposed that we use the Caveat set-up by the RAC, when these projects were voted on - which was Hells Backbone Road Drainage Maintenance [project] – The funding on this project may increase should the other approved projects not utilize their authorized amounts. Parowan City concurred. So 30 projects have been completed from years prior to FY16, and 11 of the 14 recommended in FY16 meeting, for a running total of 41 out of 44 total projects completed.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

7%

### **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

Of the projects recommended in FY16, there are 3 that have not been completed yet. Of these 3 projects: 1 is about 2/3rds spent as the work is being done by individuals on the forest and they are spending these funds each pay period. The last 2 projects are roads projects are obligating funds towards the completion thereof.

### **Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

### **Agency Feedback Comments**

The Forest Service (FS) Designated Federal Official regularly reports to the committee on whether recommended projects proposals are or are not approved by the FS. The DFO also reports on actions taken to implement approved projects. This may take the form of verbal reports and presentations at committee meetings, committee field trips and monitoring activities.

### **What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Action Comments**

### **Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

### **Grant Review Comments**

### **How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

	Checked if Applies
Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

Not applicable.